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SUBJECT: WFC-RESULTS OF WORKING PARTY SESSION, OCTOBER 1

BEGIN SUMMARY.MOVED BY DETERMINED SIERRA LEONE CHAIRMAN,  
WORKING PARTY INSTRUCTED SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE THREE-POINT  
REPORT REFLECTING ITS VIEWSON:

A. FORM FINAL WFC CONFERENCE REPORT AND PUBLIC  
DECLARATION SHOULD TAKE;

B. FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS ON ASSUMPTION TEN POINT  
PROPOSAL INCLUDED IN SYG'S SEPT. 30 STATEMENT REPRESENTS  
WFC CONCLUSIONS.

C. PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE CONTENT OF WFC RESOLUTIONS  
AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF TEN POINTS.  
REPORT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN PREPCOM PLENARY ON  
OCTOBER 3. END SUMMARY.

1. PRECEDED BY G-77 AND GROUP B MEETINGS, WORKING PARTY  
(WP) MET MORNING AND AFTERNOON OCTOBER 1 TO ARRIVE AT  
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COMMON POSITION ON FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS, CONTENT OF

POSSIBLE CONCLUDING DECLARATION FROM WFC, AND OTHER MATTERS.  
IN PROCEDURAL DETOUR AT BEGINNING OF WP SESSION, IT WAS  
AGREED THAT SUBSTANTIVE SUMMARY, PREPARED BY PREPCOM  
RAPPORTEUR, OF REPORT OF PRELIMINARY WEEK-LONG MEETING  
OF INTERESTED DELEGATIONS WOULD BE NOTED BY PREPCOM AND  
INCORPORATED INTO ITS FINAL REPORT. NEXT, SECRETARIAT  
WAS REQUESTED TO DRAFT WP RECOMMENDATION TO PREPCOM THAT  
WFC CONCLUDING DOCUMENTS TAKE FORM OF USUAL REPORT OF  
CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING LESS IMPORTANT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND FULL TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS, PLUS  
SEPARATE DOCUMENT FOR GENERAL PUBLIC THAT WOULD: A)  
REFER TO NATURE OF FOOD PROBLEM; B) DESCRIBE PRINCIPLES  
TO BE FOLLOWED IN ATTACKING IT, AND C) GIVE CONCEPTUAL  
SUMMARY OF MAIN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY WFC. SOME LUNCH  
TALK OF DRAFTING BARBARA WARD TO DO FINAL TEXT.

2. WP CONCLUDED THAT WFC FOLLOW-UP COULD FOR PRESENT BE  
BASED UPON SYG'S TEN POINT PROGRAM (SUMMARIZED ROME 13446),  
AS SUBJECTS OF MAIN RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED BY WFC.  
THERE WAS AGAIN GENERAL SKEPTICISM ABOUT CREATION OF NEW  
INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING FUNDS. ALSO NO INTEREST  
IN DISCUSSING VARIOUS SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN  
TABLED. AGREED BEST NOW TO CONCENTRATE ON PRINCIPLES  
AND NEEDS TO BE MET. FOLLOWING UP ON GOOD STATEMENTS  
TO THESE POINTS BY EGYPTIANS AND PERUVIAN, US SUMMARIZED  
NEEDS AS OF THREE TYPES: OVERALL STRATEGIC  
FOLLOW-UP AND COORDINATION, PROBABLY BEYOND SCOPE OF WFC  
(AND TOO COMPLEX TO DEAL WITH IN TIME REMAINING)(SEE  
US PROPOSAL 8); TRANSFER OF RESOURCES INCLUDING POSSIBLE  
FUND, BETTER COORDINATION OF FLOWS AND COORDINATION OF  
FOOD AID; AND ODDS AND ENDS, OFTEN IMPORTANT, SUCH AS  
RESERVE AND FOOD SECURITY ISSUES, NUTRITION,  
RESEARCH, ETC. NO DISSENT REGISTERED AND BELIEVE WILL  
BE NO ATTEMPT IN WP TO GO BEYOND THIS. MOST DELEGATIONS  
CLEARLY AS UNINSTRUCTED AS WE ARE, IF NOT MORE SO, ON  
INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

3. MAIN ISSUE GROWING OUT OF TEN POINTS WAS SPARKED BY US  
OBSERVATIONS THAT GREAT DIFFICULTY WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED IN  
ESTABLISHING FOOD PRODUCTION, AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT  
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FUNDING TARGETS SPECIFIED IN POINT ONE BECAUSE OF WEATHER  
AND VARIABILITY IN NATIONAL INVESTMENT NEEDS. GENERALLY,  
DCS WANTED TO AVOID SETTING TARGETS, EXCEPT PERHAPS AT  
NATIONAL LEVEL, WHILE MOST LDCS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THEM.  
US ALSO NOTED RESERVATION WITH RESPECT TO PRICE  
STABILIZATION UNDER POINT NINE. NEITHER EUROPEANS NOR  
OTHERS GAVE THIS MUCH ATTENTION THOUGH SEVERAL OF FORMER  
THOUGHT ACTION SHOULD BE IN MTN. US ALSO SUGGESTED

REFERENCE TO MEN NEEDED UNDER POINT 10. SECRETARIAT  
REQUESTED TO DRAFT DOCUMENT ON FOLLOW-UP FOR PREPCOM  
PLENARY CONSIDERATIONS, BASED ON 10 POINTS, TAKING INTO  
ACCOUNT EARLIER PROPOSALS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY  
SECRETARIAT AND IN THIS PREPCOM SESSION.

4. IN CONSIDERAING POSSIBLE CONTENT OF FINAL WFC DECLARATION  
AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, WP CONCLUDED THAT SPECIFICS COULD  
ONLY COME FROM RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY  
WFC, BUT THAT SUPPLYING SOME GENERAL PRINCIPLES NOW  
WOULD BE HELPFUL. US PROPOSED THAT FOOD-POPULATION  
RELATIONSHIP BE REFERRED TO ALONG WITH SERIOUS SHORT-  
TERM FOOD OUTLOOK IN SOME AREAS. CANADA APPEALED FOR  
RECOGNIZING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF GREATER FOOD  
PRODUCTION AND NEED TO AVOID SHORT-TERM GAINS AT EXPENSE  
OF LONG-TERM LOSSES. OTHER DELEGATIONS VOICED THEIR  
FAVORITE THEMES, E.G., FISHERIES,FERTILIZER, ETC. PERU  
MADE LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO GAIN SOME CONCRETE ACCEPTANCE OF ITS DRAFT  
DECLARATION ON ERADICATION OF HUNGER,  
STARTING WITH IMMEDIATE POINT-BY-POINT DISCUSSION, BUT  
THIS WAS EFFECTIVELY DISCOURAGED BY CHAIRMAN AND MOST  
DELEGATIONS. PERUVIAN DRAFT AS INDEPENDENT PROPOSAL  
DESTINED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS BURIED BY REFERENCE  
TO SECRETARIAT AS SOURCE OF IDEAS PREPARING DRAFT OF WFC  
DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC. OF POSSIBLE FUTURE SIGNIFICANCE  
WAS ARGENTINA'S CALL FOR ADVOCATING NON-RECIPROCAL  
TRADE CONCESSIONS FOR LDC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN MTN.  
SECRETARIAT AGAIN ASKED TO PRODUCE DRAFT DECLARATION  
DOCUMENT FOR PREPCOM PLENARY INCORPORATING THESE AND  
OTHER QUOTE PRINCIPLES UNQUOTE.

5. PLENARY WILL CONCLUDE DEBATE ON SECRETARIAT'S SECTIONS  
THEN ADJOURN FOR GROUP AND FINAL WP MEETING. TEN  
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SECRETARIAT RESOLUTION DRAFTS DUE OUT OCT. 2, BUT NO  
ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO AGREE TO TEXTS EITHER AT WP  
OR AT PREPCOM. PLENARY WILL CONSIDER OCT. 3 RESULTS  
OF WP AND THEN ADOPT IS REPORT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4. END  
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